**LTER VTC, 03/06/2018 – Questions**

1. What inspired you to become a scientist and do research in Antarctica and how is your data valuable in today’s society? – Hanshu, Columbus Prep
2. What is the most important equipment that you have? How and why are they important? - Brooke, Grice Middle School
3. What was the biggest obstacle you had to overcome during your studies in Antarctica? – Justin, Collier School
4. What specific fields are currently being studied in Antarctica? - Gaia, Columbus Prep
5. Have you found any new species in Antarctica? If so, what kind? - Kaiya, Grice Middle School
6. How is your research going so far? What are the most difficult problems you face when studying zooplankton/phytoplankton? – Joseph, Collier School
7. How long does it take to collect data (for example sea ice data) and what is the process like? –Pratham, Columbus Prep
8. How do you mentally prepare yourself for this trip? - Sandy, Grice Middle School
9. Do the HQ {Palmer Station} and machinery used to study the environment harm the habitat? - Logan, Collier School
10. When you first arrived at Palmer Station, what were some of your initial reactions? – Sara, Columbus Prep
11. What can we do to stop global warming? – Josh, Grice Middle School
12. What’s your favorite thing to do in Antarctica? – Julia, Collier School
13. If somebody wanted to pursue a career similar to yours, what kind of education/background would you need? – Austin, Columbus Prep
14. What is the hardest part of your job and why? – Christian, Grice Middle School
15. During your studies, have you, your coworkers or the whales ever been in danger? – Ben, Collier School